

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
(ADJOURNED)  
MAY 17, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. in the Shrewsbury High School auditorium when Moderator Kevin T. Byrne announed a quorum of town meeting members in attendance. The official checklist showed 190 town meeting members present, including members at large.

The moderator led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Newly elected town meeting members who had not taken the oath of office were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

An asterisk indicates articles recommended by the Finance Committee

**\*Article 7: Capital Budget**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a revised motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,666,000 and transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Cemetery Trust Funds, the sum of \$89,868.00 from the Conservation Land Account 01-171-10-580400, the sum of \$60,000.00 from the Improvement to Public Ways Account 01-411-10-585170, the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Conservation Fund Account 12-1247 and the sum of \$575,000.00 from the Sewer Surplus Account to fund the costs associated with the adoption of an Omnibus Capital Budget for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2006 as follows:

Department	Item/Project	Amount	Funding Source	Explanation/Comment
Cemetery Dept.	Upgrade Mowers	\$ 30,000	Trust Fund	Continue process of upgrading equipment to reduce labor costs
Conservation Commission	Repairs to Newton Pond Dam	89,868	Account Transfer	To fund repairs to dam structure
Highway Department	Improvements to Public Ways	150,000	Taxation	Annual appropriation for general street reconstruction. Current balance on account is \$233,625.
	Rebuild Retaining Wall - 136 Boylston Street	60,000	Account Transfer	Wall is in serious need of repair
	Resurface Garage Roof	90,000	Taxation	Roof is leaking in places. Coating will extend life of roof before full replacement is necessary
	Replace Dump Truck/ Sander #6	130,000	Taxation	Replaces 1984 Mack (to become spare sander)
	Replace Dump Truck/ Sander #17	130,000	Taxation	Replaces 1972 Mack (current spare sander)
Park Department	Replace Pickup #87	30,000	Taxation	Replaces 1988 GMC 1500 with Ford F350 4 x 4 with plow package
Public Buildings	Re-seam Municipal Office Building EPDM Roof	25,000	Taxation	Involves the flat roofs over the original building

Police Department	Replace Marked Cruiser #14	25,000	Taxation	Replaces 2003 Ford Crown Victoria
	Replace Marked Cruiser	25,000	Taxation	Replaces existing marked cruiser not yet identified
	Replace Marked #11 (4 x 4)	28,000	Taxation	Replaces existing 1997 Ford Explorer
	Replace Unmarked Cruiser #21	25,000	Taxation	Replaces 1997 Ford Crown Victoria
	Replace Animal Control Van	18,000	Taxation	Replaces 1993 Ford E250 van
Water Department	Replace Pickup #65	40,000	Taxation	Replaces 1997 F250 Pickup/Utility with same. Also doubles as a plow vehicle.
	Inspection, Repair and Re-Painting Hillside Water Tank	500,000	Taxation	One million gallon tank built in 1958 last painted in 1991
	Water Conservation Program	50,000	Water Conservation Fund	Continuation of ongoing project
	Water System Improvement Account	450,000	Taxation	Appropriation to existing account to fund future water improvements. Current balance is \$285,312
Sewer Department	Replace Sewer Cleaner Truck	225,000	Sewer Use	Replaces 1989 Autocar that was bought used in 2001 for \$79,000
	Infiltration and Inflow Project	100,000	Sewer Use	Continuation of ongoing project
	Improvements to the Hill Street Sewer Lift Station	250,000	Sewer Use	To be added to the \$300,000 previously authorized under Article 34 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,470,868</b>		

**\*Article 8:                    Sale of Cemetery Lots**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account to the Cemetery Department for the care, improvement and embellishment or enlargement of the cemetery.

**Article 9:**

**DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to pay departmental bills contracted in prior years.

Finance Committee recommends defeat of article

**\*Article 10:                    Laying Out and Making Public  
                                      Certain Streets in Whole or in Part**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept the report of the Board of Selectmen in laying out and making public the following streets, in whole or in part, as shown on plans filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

STREETS

SUBDIVISION

1.        ADAMS RD (P/O)

NOBLE OAK ESTATES  
PROSPECT HILL

2.	ARBOR DR	ARBOR VILLAGE
3.	ARGILA LN	STONYBROOK FARM II
4.	BETHS RD	DOROTHEA ESTATES
		PROSPECT HILL
5.	BIRCH LN (P/O)	SAXON WOODS '98'
6.	CARRIAGE HILL RD	SAXON WOODS '76'
		SAXON WOODS '98'
7.	COX LN	NOBLE OAK ESTATES
8.	GRIST MILL CIR	WHEELOCK ESTATES
9.	JANE ST	NOBLE OAK ESTATES
10.	LAHINCH LN	SOUTHWOODS
11.	SHERYL DR	DOROTHEA ESTATES
12.	STONEMEADOW FARM DR	STONEMEADOW FARM
13.	STONEBROOK LANE (P/O)	STONYBROOK FARMS II
14.	TRALEE LANE	SOUTHWOODS
15.	TURTLE CREEK CIRCLE	TRILLIUM WOOD
16.	WATERVILLE LANE	SOUTHWOODS

Planning Board report unanimously recommending approval was read by moderator

**\*Article 11:           Accept Parcel of Land  
Jane Street**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more commonly known as Parcel A as shown on a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of Jane Street", Plan No. 2 of 2, Scale - 1"=40', prepared by GCG & Associates, Inc. dated July 27, 2005 containing 4.38 acres more or less described as follows:

**Parcel A - Open Space**

A certain Parcel A - Open Space of land situated in the Town of Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as shown on plan entitled, "Acceptance Plan of Jane Street", Plan No. 2 of 2, Scale - 1"=40', prepared by GCG & Associates, Inc., dated July 27, 2005 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the PT on the East part of the Jane Street right of way at a drill hole;

THENCE       N07°31'54"E, 296.89 feet, to a point;

THENCE       N28° 37'11"E, 207.35 feet, to a point

THENCE       Along a non-tangent curve with a counter clockwise radius of 230.00 feet and a length of 297.08 feet (with a chord bearing of N86° 40'03" W for a distance of 276.85 feet) to a point;

THENCE       N14° 14'24" W, 27.44 feet, to a point;

THENCE       N21° 01'31" E, 250.69 feet, to a point;

THENCE       N14° 31'20"E, 201.44 feet, to a point;

THENCE       N70° 04'07" E, 83.58 feet, to a point;

THENCE       S11° 42'46"E, 135.98 feet, to a drill hole;

THENCE       S11° 27'28"E, 124.73 feet, to a drill hole;

THENCE       S11° 56'45" E, 457.26 feet, to a point;

THENCE       S10° 55'26" E, 197.59 feet, to a point;

THENCE       S11° 32'35"E, 162.56 feet, to a point;

THENCE S70°17'30"W, 113.55 feet, to a point;  
THENCE N06°33'41"W, 90.94 feet, to a point;  
THENCE S79°03'23"W, 180.20 feet, to a point;  
THENCE N02°08'45"E, 45.30 feet, to a point;  
THENCE 16.45 feet along the arc of a curve (clockwise) with the radius of 175.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

Planning Board report unanimously recommending approval was read by the moderator

**\*Article 12: Accept Parcel of Land  
Prospect Hill Subdivision**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more commonly known as Parcel H as shown on a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of Land in Prospect Hill Subdivision of Open Space Parcel H off of Grafton Street" in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, dated November 30, 2005 sheets 1 & 2 of 2, prepared for Town of Shrewsbury by Land Planning Inc. containing 4.37 acres more or less described as follows:

**PARCEL H**

A certain piece of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as "Open Space Parcel H 190,539 S.F.", on a plan of land entitled "Acceptance Plan of Land in Prospect Hill Subdivision of Open Space Parcel H Off of Grafton Street" in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, dated November 30, 2005 sheets 1 & 2 of 2, prepared for Town of Shrewsbury by Land Planning Inc. and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in plan book \_\_\_\_\_, plan \_\_\_\_\_ and being further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the Westerly sideline of Grafton Street, at the Northeasterly corner of the herein described premises:

THENCE S 83°15'37" W, 460.26 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 02°55'17" E, 268.41 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 84°26'53" W, 295.29 feet to a granite bound;  
THENCE S 70°04'08" W, 83.58 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 14°31'20" W, 201.44 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 21°01'31" W, 250.69 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 14°14'24" E, 169.50 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 25°17'23" W, 217.14 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE S 75°40'12" W, 313.76 feet along the rear lot line of Lot #107A to a concrete bound;  
THENCE N 25°00'25" E, 979.70 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE N 72°47'34" E, 158.00 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE N 86°08'04" E, 271.73 feet to a concrete bound;  
THENCE N 02°55'17" W, 266.20 feet to a concrete bound;

THENCE N 83°15'37" E, 486.28 feet to a concrete bound;

THENCE S 11°16'03" E, 30.00 feet along the sideline of  
Grafton Street to an iron pin being the point of beginning

Said Open Space Parcel "H" contains an area of 190,539 ± square feet of land.  
All trees and walls, if any, are included in this conveyance.

The herein described Parcel H is also shown on a plan of land entitled "Prospect Hill Definitive Subdivision Plan in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts" dated June 13, 1986 Prepared by Land Design Inc.

Said plan is filed in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 715, Plan 29.

This instrument does not create any new boundaries.

Said Parcel H being a portion of the premises conveyed to Grantor by deed of William A. Yoffie and Judith Yoffie, dated May 1, 1997 and recorded the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18798 Page 111.

Planning Board report unanimously recommending approval was read by the moderator

**\*Article 13: Accept Parcels of Land  
Southwoods Subdivision**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept certain parcels of land in the Southwoods Subdivision located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more commonly known as Parcels B and C and are shown on a plan entitled "SOUTHWOODS" DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND IN SHREWSBURY, MASS." dated June 30, 2001, last revised on October 19, 2001, prepared by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 776, Plan 36 with Parcel B containing 1.5 acres more or less and Parcel C containing 7.3 Acres more or less described as follows:

**OPEN SPACE PARCEL B**

A certain piece of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at 20 Tralee Lane and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of Tralee Lane at the most southeasterly corner of the parcel to be conveyed, said point being N 87°30'00"E 15.92 feet from a granite bound opposite station 9+62.77 of the Tralee Lane layout;

THENCE S 87°30'00" W, 15.92 feet by the northerly line of  
Tralee Lane to a granite bound;

THENCE Westerly, 142.31 feet by the northerly line of Tralee Lane  
along a curve to the left with a radius of 275.00 feet to a granite bound;

THENCE S 57°51'00" W, 137.52 feet by the northerly line of Tralee Lane a point;

THENCE N 32°09'00" W, 133.72 feet by Lot 42 to a point;

THENCE S 82°20'00" W, 171.64 feet by Lots 42 and 41 to a point;

THENCE N 17°37'00" E, 116.87 feet by Lots 39 and 38 to a point;

THENCE N 87°34'10" E, 253.52 feet by Lots 37 and 36 to a point;

THENCE N 81°30'00" E, 137.77 feet by Lot 35 to a point;

THENCE N 89°50'00" E, 67.79 feet by Lot 34 to a point;

THENCE S 07°30'00" E, 118.24 feet by Lot 43 to the point of beginning.  
Said Open Space Parcel B contains 65,449 square feet of land.

Subject to a Drain and Sewer easement running from Tralee Lane to Waterville Lane and subject to an easement ten feet wide, outside of, adjacent and parallel to Tralee Lane for underground wiring and appurtenances for electric, cable television and telephone utilities for the Shrewsbury Electric Light Department and Verizon New England, Inc.

The herein described Open Space Parcel B and the easements are shown on a plan entitled "SOUTHWOODS" DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND IN SHREWSBURY, MA.." dated June 30, 2001, last revised on October 19, 2001, prepared by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 776, Plan 36.

#### OPEN SPACE PARCEL C

A certain piece of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, situated westerly of Waterville Lane and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound located at the southwesterly corner of Lot 16, said bound being about 259.91 feet, measured along the southerly line of Lot 16, from a granite bound in the westerly line of Waterville Lane;

THENCE N 77°03'48" W, 231.98 feet by land now or formerly of Morth to a point;

THENCE N 24°41'51" W, 60 feet more or less by land now or formerly of Wetherbee to a point;

THENCE Northwesterly, 362 feet more or less by the centerline of Bummet Brook and by land now or formerly of Wetherbee and by land of an unknown owner to a point;

THENCE N 52°13'17" E, 758 feet more or less by the centerline of a ditch and by land of an unknown owner to a point;

THENCE N 85°29'32" E, 225.14 feet by a stonewall and by land of AvalonBay Shrewsbury, Inc. to a point;

THENCE S 37°07'42" W, 349.06 feet by Lots 22 and 21 to a concrete bound;

THENCE S 17°37'00" W, 91.90 feet by Lot 20 to a point;

THENCE S 50°01'00" E, 6.87 feet by Lot 20 to a point;

THENCE S 07°46'39" E, 63.39 feet by Lots 20 and 19 to a point;

THENCE S 62°33'08" W, 37.90 feet by Lot 19 to a point;

THENCE S 25°32'21" W, 49.12 feet by Lot 19 to a point;

THENCE S 17°37'00" W, 415.79 feet by Lots 19, 18, 17 and 16 to the point of beginning

Said Open Space Parcel C contains 7.3 acres more or less of land.

Subject to a drain easement and to a sewer easement running from Waterville Lane to the Hartford Pike (Route 20).

The herein described Open Space Parcel C and the easements are shown on a plan entitled "SOUTHWOODS" DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND IN SHREWSBURY, MASS." dated June 30, 2001, last revised on October 19, 2001,

prepared by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 776, Plan 36.

Planning Board report unanimously recommending approval was read by the moderator

**\*Article 14:                   Accept Parcel of Land  
                                      Stoneybrook Farms II Subdivision**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept a certain open space parcel of land located in the Stoneybrook Farms II Subdivision in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, situated on the southerly sideline of Stonybrook Lane shown as lot #A4, lot #17H, lot #16F, lot #15D and the lot shown as OPEN SPACE on a plan entitled "Owner: Town of Shrewsbury, Stonybrook Farms II, Road Acceptance Plan of Stonybrook Lane and Argila Lane in Shrewsbury, MA (Worcester County), Scale 1"=40', dated November 11, 2005," prepared by Precision Land Surveying, Inc. containing 2.4 acres more or less described as follows:

A certain open space parcel of land located in the Town of Shrewsbury, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, situated on the southerly sideline of Stonybrook Lane shown as lot #A4, lot #17H, lot #16F, lot #15D and the lot shown as OPEN SPACE on "Owner: Town of Shrewsbury, Stonybrook Farms II, Road Acceptance Plan of Stonybrook Lane and Argila Lane in Shrewsbury, MA (Worcester County), Scale 1"=40', dated November 11, 2005," prepared by Precision Land Surveying, Inc. (the "Plan") and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound with a drillhole on the southerly sideline of Stonybrook Lane being the northwesterly property corner to lot #11A;

THENCE       Easterly, 20.38 feet by the southerly sideline of Stonybrook Lane along a curve to the right having a radius of 200.00 feet to a granite bound with a drillhole at a point of non-tangency;

THENCE       S 13°16'34" E, 479.52 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       S 14°37'57" W, 464.11 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       N 83°11'20" W, 116.00 feet to a drillhole in a stone wall;

THENCE       S 01°04'52" W, 145.60 feet to a point;

THENCE       N 88°55'08" W, 91.40 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       N 16°59'36" E, 537.46 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       S 83°11'20" E, 9.14 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       N 16°59'36" E, 294.07 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole;

THENCE       N 12°39'05" W, 252.15 feet to a concrete bound with a drillhole at the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above-described lots and open space contain in total 102,953 square feet of land, more or less, as shown on the plan.

Said above mentioned plan is filed in Worcester County Registry of Deeds as Plan Book \_\_\_\_\_, Plan \_\_\_\_\_.

All trees and walls, if any, upon the land taken are included in this taking. The easement shown on said plans are a part of this taking.

This instrument does not create any new boundaries.

And be it further ORDERED that no damages be awarded for the taking.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Grantor by deed of the Donald N. Weagle, individually and as trustee, and Doris Weagle, individually and as trustee, dated January 15, 1999 and recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 20933, Page 47.

Planning Board report unanimously recommending approval was read by the moderator

**\*Article 17:                   Amend General By-Laws**  
**Article 14 - Dog Control Law**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to amend Article 14 - Dog Control Law of the General By-Laws of the Town of Shrewsbury by modifying in Section 6 the following penalties:

	From	To
First Offense	\$15.00	\$ 25.00
Second Offense	\$25.00	\$ 50.00
Third and Succeeding Offenses	\$40.00	\$100.00

By modifying in Section 6A the following licensing fees:

Type	From	To
Spayed/Neutered	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
Non Spayed/Non Neutered	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Kennel (Less than 4)	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Kennel (5-9)	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
Kennel (10+)	\$100.00	\$125.00

And by adding the following to Section 6A:

"The licenses issued under this section shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year."

**\*Article 18                   Amend General By-Laws**  
**Article 4-G Fire Department**  
**Article 4-I Police Department**

**VOTED** the corrected printed motion as stated with change of word "Article" to "Articles" and adding the words "and 4-I" following "4-G" in line 1, to amend Articles 4-G and 4-I of the General By-Laws of the Town of Shrewsbury by inserting the following:

In Article 4-G:  
"Any member of the regular Fire Department shall reside and continue to reside during his employment within fifteen miles of the limits of the Town of Shrewsbury. Said distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of the Town of Shrewsbury to the closest border limits of the city or town in which said member resides."

In Article 4-I:  
"Any member of the regular Police Department shall reside and continue to reside during his employment within fifteen miles of the limits of the Town of Shrewsbury. Said distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of the Town of Shrewsbury to the closest border limits of the city or town in which said member resides."

**\*Article 19:                   Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement**  
**Board of Health**

**VOTED** a motion to authorize the Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the town and various governmental units.



**\*Article 20:                   Accept MGL Ch. 32B, Sec. 18  
Medicare Eligible Retirees**

Selectmen recommend acceptance of Article 20.

**VOTED** a motion to end debate and vote the printed motion

**VOTED** a motion to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18 which will require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town.

**\*Article 21:                   Accept MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C  
Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

**VOTED** a motion to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C which will establish a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the Town.

**\*Article 22:                   Tax Deferral Agreements  
Qualified Seniors**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** the corrected printed motion to set the rate of interest applicable to tax deferral agreements entered into pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A which provides for a property tax deferral for certain qualified seniors to four percent (4%).

**\*Article 23:                   Accept MGL Chapter 59, Sec. 5, Clause 54  
Establish Minimum Value of Personal Property**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and establish the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation as \$1,000.

**\*Article 24:                   Home Rule Petition  
Information to Voters**

**VOTED** a motion to end debate and vote a motion to amend Article 24 by adding the following paragraph: "Section 5: In any town election where there is no ballot question, the town shall print and mail to all registered voters a reminder of the election, including voting date, polling hours, and polling locations. This reminder shall be mailed at least 10 days before said election."

Finance Committee unanimously oppose motion to amend

Selectmen oppose motion to amend, 4 to 1

**DEFEATED** a motion to amend Article 24 by adding the following paragraph: "Section 5: In any town election where there is no ballot question, the town shall print and mail to all registered voters a reminder of the election, including voting date, polling hours, and polling locations. This reminder shall be mailed at least 10 days before said election."

Selectmen unanimously support printed motion

Finance Committee recommend printed motion

**VOTED** a motion to end debate and vote the printed motion.

**VOTED** a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file the following petition with the General Court:

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY TO  
SEND CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 22A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury shall, at least 10 days before any election at which a binding or nonbinding question shall be submitted solely to the voters of said town cause to be printed and sent to each residence of 1 or more voters whose name appears on the latest active voting list for said town and make available at each polling place (1) the full text of the question; (2) a fair and concise summary of the question, including a 1 sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, prepared by the town counsel of said town; and (3) arguments for and against such questions as provided in section 2.

SECTION 2. The board of selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury shall cause to be printed and sent, in the manner provided in section 1, arguments for and against each question submitted solely to the voters of said town pursuant to any General Law, including but not limited to, section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws. No argument shall contain more than 250 words. Said board of selectmen, or, at its request the town counsel shall seek such written arguments from the principal proponents and opponents of each such question. Said board of selectmen shall designate a date by which written arguments must be received, in a written notice to the principal proponents or opponents. Said notice must be issued at least 14 days before the date by which the written arguments must be received.

For the purposes of this act, the principal proponents and opponents of any such question shall be those persons determined by said board of selectmen to be best able to present the arguments for and against such question. The principal proponents or opponents of such a question may include a town officer or committee, and the principal proponents may include the first 10 signers or a majority of the first 10 signers or any petition initiating the placement of such question on the ballot. In determining the principal proponents and opponents of such a question, said board of selectmen shall contact each ballot question committee, if any, as defined in section 1 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, organized specifically to influence the outcome of the vote on such question. If no argument is received by said board of selectmen within the time allowed by this act, said town counsel shall prepare such argument.

All arguments filed with or prepared by the board of selectmen under this act, and the summary prepared under section 1, shall be open to public inspection at the office of the town clerk of said town.

SECTION 3. The official ballot shall include the summary and statements describing the effect of a yes or no vote as provided in clause (2) of section 1.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**VOTED** a motion to appoint Town Counsel T. Philip Leader as moderator for Article 25.

**\*Article 25:                   Acquisition of Land  
                                     Reconstruction of Boston Tpk.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain parcels of land, temporary easements and permanent easements located on or about Boston Turnpike (Route 9) necessary to facilitate the reconstruction of Boston Turnpike (Route 9).

**\*Article 26:                   Conveyance of Land - Grafton St.  
                                     Eric C. Burton & Theresa J. Randazzo-Burton**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen, unders such terms and conditions deemed appropriate, to convey to Eric C. Burton and Theresa J. Randazzo-Burton all rights, title and interest in a parcel of land that is a portion of the Grafton Street right of way easement for all purposes of a town way taken

by decree #1436 by the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester dated March 13, 1956 and further amended on November 18, 1958 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3759, page 358. Said parcel is described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly sideline of the 1956 County Layout of Grafton Street (amended 1958), said point lies N 13° 36' 30" W, 572.17 feet from a Worcester County Highway bound opposite baseline station 12+99.39;

THENCE N 13° 36' 30" W, 48.10 feet, along the westerly sideline of said County Layout to a point;

THENCE S 24° 28' 59" E, 32.03 feet, to a point;

THENCE S 06° 20' 50" W, 17.71 feet, to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel contains 145 square feet more or less. The above described parcel is shown as Parcel A on a Plan of Land entitled: "OWNER: TOWN OF SHREWSBURY. PLAN SHOWING REVISION TO THE LAYOUT OF GRAFTON STREET (ROUTE 140) INCLUDING THE TRANSFER OF EASEMENT TO ERIC C. BURTON & THERESA J. RANDAZZO BURTON," dated April 2006. The said plan is recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, in Plan Book \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_.

Being a portion of the easement taken dated March 13, 1956 and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 3759 page 358.

**\*Article 27: Construct Surface Drains**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to authorize the Selectmen to construct storm drains in public ways and to acquire by eminent domain or otherwise all such easements as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, and the sum of \$100,000 be raised and appropriated to pay for such easements and the construction of such drains including engineering and other expenses incidental thereto.

**Article 28: Sidewalks and Curbs**

Selectmen recommend defeat of Article 28

Finance Committee does not recommend Article 28

**DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to authorize the Selectmen to construct, reconstruct, repair and maintain sidewalks and curbing and to acquire by eminent domain or otherwise all such easements as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, and the sum of \$1 be raised and appropriated to pay for such easements and the construction of such drains including engineering and other expenses incidental thereto.

**Article 29: Improve Sewer System**

Selectmen recommend defeat of Article 29

Finance Committee does not recommend Article 29

**DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for laying out and constructing a system of main drains, common sewers, sub-drains, connections and other works as may be required for a system of sewer age, including acquiring all land or easements which may be necessary in connection therewith which may be authorized by Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1954 as amended.

**\*Article 30: Extend Sewer Service  
Portions of CenTech Park and CenTech Park - East**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to transfer the sum of \$258,000 from the General Sewer Construction Account 19-0440-10 for the purpose of laying out and constructing a system of main drains, common sewers, sub-drains, connections and other

works as may be required to service parcels of land located on and adjacent to CenTech Boulevard and Green Street, or otherwise providing for furthering the construction of such system of sewerage, including acquiring all land or easements which may be necessary in connection therewith which may be authorized by Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1954 as amended, including the authorization of acceptance and expenditure of a grant or grants from the state for this purpose.

**\*Article 31:                   Extend Water Service  
                                     Portions of CenTech Park and CenTech Park - East**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$172,000 for the purpose of extending water mains and related appurtenances as may be required to service parcels of land located on and adjacent to CenTech Boulevard and Green Street, or otherwise providing for furthering the construction of such water mains and related appurtenances, including acquiring land or easements which may be necessary in connection therewith, including the authorization of acceptance and expenditure of a grant or grants from the state for this purpose.

**\*Article 32:                   Change Designation of Parcel of Land  
                                     Boylston Street & Prospect Street  
                                     (former Masonic Property)**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to change the designation of a portion of a parcel of land acquired by the Town of Shrewsbury in July of 1976 from the Masonic Education and Charity Trust from playground purposes to water supply purposes with said parcel described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in the Town of Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as "PARCEL 1", located approximately 1000 feet on easterly side of Boylston Street (Route 140) and approximately 500 feet northwesterly of Prospect Street and presently owned by Town of Shrewsbury, containing 1.91 acres more or less and is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the most northeasterly corner of said herein described parcel 1, at a concrete bound. Said corner is at a corner of land of the now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury and other land of now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury:

THENCE     S11°44'57"W, 330.05 feet through land of now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury to a point;

THENCE     S89°45'41"W, 260.00 feet through land of now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury to a point;

THENCE     N03°23'13"E, 285.70 feet through land of now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury to a point;

THENCE     N86°32'26"E, 250.34 feet by other land now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury to a point;

THENCE     N68°25'02"E, 65.00 feet by said other land now or formerly of the Town of Shrewsbury to the point of beginning

**\*Article 33:                   Construct Water Tank  
                                     Prospect Street  
                                     (Former Masonic Property)**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to appropriate the sum of \$1,250,000 to fund all necessary expenses associated with the construction of a new 1 Million Gallon water tank with all related piping, controls, structures, electronics, utilities and related appurtenances and to fund the demolition and removal of existing water tanks and structures as may be required on land owned by the Town of Shrewsbury located on Prospect Street known formerly as the Masonic Property directly adjacent to existing water tanks, including acquiring land or easements which may be necessary in connection therewith; to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of

Selectmen is hereby authorized and directed to borrow at one time or from time to time the sum of \$1,250,000 by issuance and sale of bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(4), as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and on behalf of the Town to acquire land or easements in connection therewith.

**\*Article 34:                   Water System Improvements  
                                  Old Mill Rd., Harrington Ave.  
                                  Boston Tpk., Maple Ave.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to appropriate the sum of \$2,238,702 to fund general water system improvements along Old Mill Road, Harrington Avenue, Boston Turnpike (Route 9) and Maple Avenue including related connections and appurtenances and all associated professional and engineering expenses and costs associated with acquiring land or easements which may be necessary for such water system improvements; to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and directed to borrow at one time or from time to time the sum of \$1,750,000 by issuance and sale of bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(5), as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and to raise from taxation the sum of \$183,000, transfer from the Boston Turnpike Project Account #01-0450-10-585450 the sum of \$257,943.70, transfer from Home Farm Well Account #12-1221 the sum of \$47,758.30, and authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and on behalf of the Town to acquire land or easements in connection therewith.

**\*Article 35:                   Donahue Rowing Center  
                                  Revolving Fund**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to establish under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E \_ of the General Laws for the operation and maintenance of the Donahue Rowing Center. All receipts for the use of this facility and those received by the Town during prior fiscal years shall be credited to the fund. Expenditures shall be made by the Park and Cemetery Commission upon approval by the Town Manager. Expenditures for Fiscal 2007 shall not exceed \$200,000.00

**\*Article 36:                   Council on Aging Bus  
                                  Revolving Fund**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to establish under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E \_ of the General Laws for the operation and maintenance of the bus operated by the Council on Aging. All receipts paid to the Council on Aging by users of the bus and those received by the Town during prior fiscal years shall be credited to the fund. Expenditures shall be made by the Council on Aging upon approval by the Town Manager. Expenditures for Fiscal 2007 shall not exceed \$75,000.00

**\*Article 37:                   Counseling and Educational Services**

**VOTED** a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,000.00 for counseling and educational services to families.

**\*Article 38:                   Highway Department Funds**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts \$565,973 under the provisions of Chapter 291B of the Acts of 2004 and transfer said funds to the Highway Department.

**\*Article 39:                   Accept Sum of Money from CATV**

**VOTED** a motion to accept a sum of \$454,691 from the Municipal Light Department CATV division and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for Fiscal 2007.

**\*Article 40:               Municipal Light Department  
                                  In Lieu of Taxes**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to accept a sum of \$115,441 from the Municipal Light Department in lieu of taxes, and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for Fiscal 2007.

**\*Article 41:               Transfer Funds to Board of Assessors**

**VOTED** a motion to transfer the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for Fiscal 2007.

**VOTED** a motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

Ann M. Dagle, CMMC  
Town Clerk